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(54) Title: **EDIBLE BARRIER**

(57) **Abstract:** An edible barrier suitable for use in food products, comprising a cross-linked biopolymer and a lipid material, said edible barrier having a thickness of about 2 to 1,500 micrometer, effectively reduces migration of moisture and flavour in food products.

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